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Report Period: 1 to 30 September 2005

USACE MONTHLY OVERSIGHT REPORT CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RESIDENT OFFICE

PROJECT:

Elkton Farms Firehole (Triumph Explosives)

Location:

Elkton, Maryland

Contract No.:

W912DR-05-D-0031, Task Order 0002 (to be issued)

CERCLA Funding: IAG - DW96943857-001, 11 July 2005

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Contractor:

INFOPRO Corporation, UXO/OE Services Division

Work Performed this Period:

During the month of July, this project was assigned to USACE, Environmental Remediation Resident Office (ERRO) by Charles Fitzsimmons, USEPA On Scene Coordinator (OSC). The original funding notification was issued on 7 July 2005.

During August, the OSC and ERRO both made efforts to obtain a guard service for the site. L.C. Maurer of ERRO was requested and assigned as Project Manager and input the project into P-2. L.C. Maurer also issued the first draft of the Project Management Plan and the Scope of Work for the project. The Project Delivery Team was set up and the first Project Delivery Team Meeting was scheduled for 4 August 2005. The first Project Delivery Team Meeting occurred on 4 August 2005 and the Project Management Plan was finalized with input from USACE Baltimore District, Engineering Division, OE Safety Specialist.

Also, during August USACE worked on funding issues and administration of the project. At the end of July, USACE contacted INFOPRO and requested a proposal for work on this project.

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The proposal was delivered to INFOPRO, but the EPA decided to delay award of the Contract until the project was fully funded. Early in September the proposal was submitted but did not go through full review due to the EPA decision to off until more money became available.

During September Charles Fitzsimmons came forward with another \$20,000 and indicated his desire to implement the guard service at the site. As a result a guard service Contract was issued through INFOPRO for six weeks at the site starting in the middle of the Month. Guard service is provided 7 days a week 14 hours a day.

On 15 September there was a Project Delivery Team Meeting at ERRO between the EPA the State of MD, USACE and the Contractor. See Meetings.

At the end of the Month of September on 9/28/05 the EPA sent out money to issue the delivery order for the MEC removal at the site. The SOW and Estimate are being revised because the EPA specified that only 55 acres (immediate to the fireholes) would be addressed by the emergency removal action.

Period of No Work and Reasons for Same:

Not applicable for activities associated with the site or administration of the project.

Progress:

There was excellent progress setting working with the Contractor and the rest of the Project Delivery Team in September and holding the second Project Delivery Team Mecting. There was good progress setting up guard service at the from about the middle of September until the end of October.

Because funding for the project came in late in September there was some progress toward issuing the remediation delivery order

Delays:

The issue of an interim guard service contract was delayed during the first few weeks of August and the EPA decided not to issue this contract by mid-month. Mr. Fitzsimmons told USACE to hold off on issuing the guard service until the whole project was funded. In addition, the issue of the UXO / OE removal portion of the project is delayed until full funding is issued by the USEPA to USACE. As a result, the contract was not issued to INFOPRO during August.

However funding for interim guard service became available in September and a delivery order was issued to INFOPRO.

Funding through EPA Superfund was provided in August in September so the issue of the delivery order for the removal action is being pursued.

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Outstanding Issues/Problems/Potential Problems:

During a high level meeting at USACE Baltimore District and a later meeting at MDE it was decided that the Contractor would be funded by EPA, but the USACE costs would be covered by FUDS. When the \$500,000 in money to start the issue of the contract was delivered from EPA CERCLA it included \$300,000 for the Contractor and \$200,000 for USACE. The issue of FUDS involvement and payment of the USACE costs are still being worked out.

Meetings:

The second Project Delivery Team Meeting occurred on 15 September 2002 at USACE ERRO. The proposed Contractor, INFOPRO, provided meeting minutes. These are still in distribution for comments.

In September there was a Meeting regarding FUDS involvement for the site in CENAB, but minutes were not distributed. There was another meeting regarding this issue at MDE HQ however these minutes were not received by the author of this report.

Quality Control and Quality Assurance Reports/Test and Analysis Reports:

QC and QA reports will be generated to cover activities.

Once regular on-site activities commence, a separate daily OE Safety Specialist QA report will be issued and attached to the daily QC report.

Safety:

The USEPA has provided a Health and Safety plan to govern non-intrusive activities at the site. INFOPRO will provide a UXO / OE Health and Safety Plan for their activities and the Baltimore District USACE OE Safety Specialist will produce the Explosives Safety Site Plan for the project. There were no safety issues or problems reported during the month of September.

It was decided in August that the USACE Baltimore District, Engineering Division, OE Safety Specialist, would draft and submit the Explosives Site Safety Submission for the project to Huntsville. This would help prevent a delay once the project got started. Mr. Paul Greene of USACE continued the activity in September.

Items on the report for August in BOLD is new information provided for the first time on this report.

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